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Turkish Odyssey Tour Itinerary

Day 1	**Istanbul - Arrival**	**Meals (None)**
Location:	Istanbul, Turkey	
Meeting Time:		
Meeting Location:	Istanbul Airport	
Description:	Upon arrival in Istanbul you will be greeted and transferred to your select hotel. There will be a welcome briefing this afternoon. The remainder of the day is to be spent at your leisure. Overnight in Istanbul.	

Day 2	**Istanbul - Full Day Sightseeing**	**Meals (B)**
Location:	Istanbul, Turkey	
Description:	After breakfast you will be greeted in the lobby of your hotel and commence your full day historical Istanbul tour. Visits include the Topkapi Palace (the Imperial residence of the Ottoman Sultans with displays of priceless collections of artifacts, jewelry, and rare porcelain), the Blue Mosque (unique with its 6 minarets and famous for its blue Iznik tiles), the Hippodrome Square (where ancient chariot races were held), and then a visit to the world famous Grand Covered Bazaar (the world's largest and oldest covered market). This evening, you can join an optional dinner with belly dancing entertainment. Overnight in Istanbul.	

Day 3	**Istanbul - Gallipoli - Troy - Assos**	**Meals (B D)**
Location:	Istanbul, Turkey Gallipoli, Turkey Assos, Turkey	
Description:	This morning after breakfast you will depart for Gallipoli, the site of many battles during WW1. You will visit various World War 1 memorials such as Anzac Cove, Lone Pine Cemetery, and Chunuk Bair. Afterwards, you will cross the Dardanelles by ferry to Canakkale to visit Troy with its famous Trojan horse. Overnight in Assos.	

Day 4	**Assos - Pergamum - Kusadasi**	**Meals (B L D)**
Location:	Assos, Turkey Pergamum, Turkey Kusadasi, Turkey	
Description:	Enjoy your breakfast at the hotel before you depart for Pergamum. Lunch will take place in a traditional village before visiting the Asclepion. You will continue on your way to Kusadasi for your overnight stay at your select hotel.	

Day 5	**Ephesus Full Day Sightseeing Tour - Pamukkale**	**Meals (B D)**
Location:	Kusadasi, Turkey Ephesus, Turkey Pamukkale, Turkey	
Description:	This morning after breakfast prepare to tour the famous ruins of Ephesus, one of the most important cultural centers in the ancient world. Explore the 2,000 year old marble street, a theatre, a gymnasium, the Library of Celsus, and Hadrian's Temple. You will then take a short drive to see the stone cottage where it is believed the Virgin Mary spent her final years accompanied by St. John. You will continue to a regional rug production center to have a firsthand experience of this unique art form. An afternoon drive through lush valleys will take you to Pamukkale, the Cotton Fortress, with its white terraces and hot mineral springs. Enjoy a swim in your hotel's thermal pool. Overnight in Pamukkale.	

Day 6	**Pamukkale - Bodrum**	**Meals (B)**
Location:	Pamukkale, Turkey Bodrum, Turkey	
Description:	Following breakfast at your hotel you will be taken to visit the ruins of the Roman health spa of Hierapolis and later drive to Bodrum to visit the Castle of St. Peter (Bodrum Castle) and the renowned Bodrum Museum of	

Underwater Archaeology.
Overnight in Bodrum.

Day 7	Bodrum - Marmaris	Meals (B D)
Location:	Bodrum, Turkey Marmaris, Turkey	
Description:	After breakfast, you will visit the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Afterwards, you will depart for Marmaris. The rest of the day is at your leisure. Dinner and overnight in Marmaris.	

Day 8	Marmaris - Day of Leisure	Meals (B D)
Location:	Marmaris, Turkey	
Description:	Enjoy a day of leisure in the lovely town of Marmaris. Dinner and overnight in Marmaris.	

Day 9	Marmaris - Dalyan - Kalkan	Meals (B D)
Location:	Marmaris, Turkey Kalkan, Turkey	
Description:	After breakfast, you will depart for Dalyan. You will arrive at Dalyan village after a short trip and take a river boat to tour the famous mud baths and sulphur hot springs. View the ancient tombs of Kaunos before enjoying a relaxing swimming break at Iztuzu Beach (also known as Turtle Beach), which is a natural shelter and breeding site for blue crabs and the nearly extinct loggerhead sea turtles. Tonight you will enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Kalkan.	

Day 10	Kalkan - Myra - Antalya	Meals (B D)
Location:	Kalkan, Turkey Antalya, Turkey	
Description:	After breakfast, depart for Antalya. En route, you will visit the famous Church of St. Nicholas in Demre and the ancient site of Myra before continuing to Antalya. Dinner and overnight in Antalya.	

Day 11	Perge - Aspendos - Antalya	Meals (B)
Location:	Antalya, Turkey	
Description:	This morning you will visit Perge and Aspendos. The afternoon is free at your leisure. Overnight in Antalya.	

Day 12	Antalya - Konya	Meals (B D)
Location:	Antalya, Turkey Konya, Turkey	
Description:	Today begins with an early morning departure for Konya. En route, you will visit the famous Roman theatre in Aspendos before continuing to Konya where you will visit the mausoleum of the sufi philosopher Mevlana at the Mevlana Museum. Dinner and overnight in Konya.	

Day 13	Konya - Cappadocia	Meals (B D)
Location:	Konya, Turkey Cappadocia, Turkey	
Description:	After breakfast you will depart for the unique rocky region of Cappadocia with its fairy chimneys and fascinating landscapes. On the way, you will visit a 13th century caravanserai as well as the underground city of Saratli. Tonight, you may enjoy an optional whirling dervishes performance. Dinner and overnight in Cappadocia.	

Day 14	Cappadocia	Meals (B D)
Location:	Cappadocia, Turkey	
Description:	Early this morning there is an optional hot air balloon tour. Experience floating above the volcanic valleys, fairy chimneys, and caves at sunrise. After breakfast, you will visit Goreme, a historical region of Turkey located among the rock formations, which was first settled during the Roman period. Many rock churches can still be seen today, as Christianity was once the prevailing religion in the region. You will then continue to the town of Avanos, renowned for its high quality earthenware. You will also visit Pasabag and Red Valley, and attend a brief regional pottery workshop. Dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. Overnight in Cappadocia.	

Day 15	Cappadocia - Ankara - Safranbolu	Meals (B D)
Location:	Cappadocia, Turkey Ankara, Turkey	

	Safranbolu, Turkey
Description:	Today begins with an early morning departure to the capital city of Ankara. Enjoy an afternoon tour of the Museum of Anatolian Civilization, a historic caravanserai containing artifacts from up to 7500 years old, including the most extensive and valuable collection of Hittite artifacts in the world. Continue to Safranbolu for dinner and overnight.

Day 16	**Safranbolu - Istanbul**	**Meals (B D)**
Location:	Safranbolu, Turkey Istanbul, Turkey	
Description:	After breakfast, you will visit the old part of Safranbolu before continuing to Istanbul. In the afternoon, you can join an optional half day tour of Hagia Sophia and a Bosphorus cruise along the strait that separates Asia and Europe. Its shores are lined with fine neighbourhoods, Ottoman palaces, fortresses, old wooden villas, hotels, parks and gardens, restaurants, and cafes. You can also finish any last minute shopping at the Spice Market filled with the fragrance of exotic spices. Tonight you will enjoy a farewell dinner. Overnight in Istanbul.	

Day 17	**Istanbul - Departure**	**Meals (B)**
Location:	Istanbul, Turkey	
Description:	After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home. End of services.	